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## California High-Speed Train Update

### Call for Heavy Maintenance Facility Sites

### Attracts Significant Interest

#### *FIFTEEN PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR TRAIN MAINTENANCE FACILITIES*

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board recently issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to identify potential locations for maintenance facilities along the planned high-speed train route. While maintenance centers will be required throughout the state, a heavy maintenance facility is expected to be situated in the Central Valley because of its central location at the heart of the system.

The Authority sought proposals from local governments, public transportation agencies, private companies and others for both heavy and other maintenance facilities that could meet the Authority's requirements, minimize environmental impacts and offer the financial incentives and other economic benefits to the state and local communities.

"We're very impressed with the strong support for the high-speed train project and response to our search for appropriate places to locate train maintenance facilities," said Mehdi Morshed, executive director of the High-Speed Rail Authority. "It's clear from the response that people understand these facilities and this train project will have profound economic stimulus and job creation impacts."

Fifteen expressions of interest have been received to date from the following parties:

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Mehdi Morshed,  
Executive Director

*For Heavy Maintenance Facility:*

- \* Greater Merced High-Speed Rail Committee (Two proposals submitted.)
- \* Madera County Economic Development Commission and the City of Chowchilla (Three proposals submitted.)
- \* The City of Chowchilla and the property owners (Harris and DeJager)
- \* Madera County Economic Development Commission, the City of Chowchilla, and Kojima Development
- \* Madera County Resource Management Agency
- \* Fresno Works, County of Fresno
- \* Kings County Economic Development Corporation

*For Heavy Maintenance and Maintenance of Way facilities:*

- \* Kern County, Kern Council of Governments, and the City of Shafter
- \* Kern County, Kern Council of Governments, and the City of Wasco

*For Maintenance of Way Facility:*

- \* City of Gilroy Community Development Department
- \* San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
- \* MUSE LLC

These expressions of interest are the first step in the environmental review process towards determining the best feasible and practical location. No final selection of maintenance facility sites will be made until the completion of the environmental review process, which at the earliest will be next year.

Proposals received will be available to the public.

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## **CHSRA Web Site Now Features Public Meeting Calendar**

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Web site now has a new

interactive event calendar feature. This is just one small step toward a number of planned improvements to the site, aimed at making information about the high-speed train project more simply available. Public meetings are now easily searchable and accessible for your review. Meeting details such as time, date and location appear on each calendar item and can be separately searched by regional section:

- \* San Francisco to San Jose
- \* San Jose to Merced
- \* Merced to Fresno
- \* Fresno to Bakersfield
- \* Bakersfield to Palmdale
- \* Palmdale to Los Angeles
- \* Los Angeles to Anaheim
- \* Los Angeles to San Diego
- \* Sacramento to Merced
- \* Altamont Corridor Rail Project

Click [here](#) for access to the new interactive calendar. You may also go to the California High-Speed Rail Authority home page and click on the Calendar tab.

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